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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/26/05, 8/30/05, 6/21/04.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 8-10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The claims contain the acronym API. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by SimCopter and SimCity.

4. Regarding claims 1, 17, 18 and 21, SimCopter discloses selecting a map (SimCopter Users Manual Page 3, SimCity map or standard game city maps) and a game shell including basic logic, rules, strategy and characters (SimCopter Users Manual Pages 3 and 56, parameters set within SimCopter. The underlying game in SimCopter has basic logic, rules, strategy and characters that are determined based on the SimCity map and the preferences manually selected) and combining them in to a computer game (The specific game that the user ends up playing).

5. Regarding claims 2-5 and 22-23, SimCopter discloses selecting a SimCity map. SimCity 2000 Users Manual discloses during the creation of a map that can be used in SimCopter having a road inventory with different road pavements and types as well as 3D models of buildings, trees and other cityscape things.
6. Regarding claims 6, 7 and 24, SimCopter discloses game engines that include starting building fires, radio dispatches and a number of other such engines.
7. Regarding claims 8-10, it is inherent that both SimCopter and SimCity have a geographic API to allow game components such as the game engine that starts a fire to know where on the map the fire is, what type of terrain and building is there and alert the player of its location.
8. Regarding claims 11-13, it is inherent that SimCopter has a geographic data tool program that combines road model data from SimCopter with the location and type data from the SimCity map since in the presentation of the SimCity map to the player in SimCopter, the location of the streets and buildings are the same as in SimCity but the visual aspects of them are different and can be seen in a perspective view.
9. Regarding claims 14 and 15, SimCopter and SimCity both have repositories including sets of parameters associated with different computer platforms (Box for SimCity says that it is compatible with several different systems).
10. Regarding claims 16 and 19, SimCopter is representative of one type of game (aircraft/flight simulator which also includes walking around) that uses the geographic data from the SimCity maps. Other games such as Streets of SimCity which was published around the same time as SimCopter operate on the same principal but is a

driving/police chase/auto theft type game. In addition, the maps built for the Streets of SimCity application could be built differently from those built for SimCopter to accentuate the rules and logic of each game shell.

11. Regarding claim 20, SimCity has pre-made cities that represent real cities and that could then be used in SimCopter. When a player modifies one of those cities then there exists in the map database a second map of that city that is less accurate than the game provided version.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Josh Wert whose telephone number is 571-270-1894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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